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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of two indictments,¹ one charging **OMAR VASQUEZ** and **WILLIAM T. JONES, JR.** with possession with intent to distribute controlled substances and aiding and abetting, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2, and the second charging OMAR VASQUEZ with illegal possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1). The first indictment alleges that on or about March 5, 2008, VASQUEZ and JONES possessed these cocaine and cocaine base in Lancaster, Pennsylvania under circumstances indicating their intent to distribute. The second indictment alleges that on or about September 7, 2007 VASQUEZ, a convicted felon, possessed a .40 caliber handgun and seven rounds of ammunition in Lancaster.

This indictment arose out of an investigation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Pennsylvania State Police, with assistance of officers of the Lancaster Police Department. The firearms charge was investigated by Penn Township Police Department and Manheim Township Police Department. On the drug case, VASQUEZ faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 years to life imprisonment, a \$8 million fine, 10 years supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. JONES faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years to life imprisonment, a \$4 million fine, 5 years supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	LAST KNOWN ADDRESS	DATE OF BIRTH
OMAR VASQUEZ	Lancaster, Pennsylvania	1981
WILLIAM T. JONES, JR.	Lancaster, Pennsylvania	1982

The case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney James R. Pavlock.

¹An Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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